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EXDIS MILITARY ADDEE HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE -FOR POLAD

FOLLOWING VIENTIANE 100 SENT ACTION SECSTATE JAN. 18;  
REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

S E C R E T VIENTIANE 0100

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR LA US  
SUBJ: SUGGESTED PROCEDURE IF UNITED STATES REJECTS LPDR CEILING  
ON US PERSONNEL

REF: (A) VIENTIANE 0088, (B) VIENTIANE 0099

1. REFERENCE B SUGGESTS STAFFING PATTERN WHICH MIGHT  
BE ADOPTED SHOULD USG DECIDE TO ACCEPT LPDR-IMPOSED  
PERSONNEL CEILING AND INSTRUCT EMBASSY TO CONTINUE TO  
FUNCTION THEREUNDER.

2. THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES THE SITUATIONS THAT WILL  
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MOST LIKELY ARISE IF US REJECTS OR FAILS TO RESPOND TO  
LPDR REQUEST.

A. US MIGHT TERMINATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

B. LAO MIGHT TERMINATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

C. LAO MIGHT ACHIEVE THE CEILING FOR US BY EXPELLING OR INSISTING ON THE DEPARTURE OF INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THEIR CHOOSING UNTIL THE CEILING WAS REACHED.

3. SOLUTION C WOULD BE THE LEAST SATISFACTORY AND MOST IGNOMINIOUS FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW SINCE IT WOULD LEAVE US WITH AN EMBASSY CONFIGURED BY THE RECEIVING STATE.

4. IF SOLUTION B EVENTUATES WE WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO ACCEPT IT.

5. IF USG DECIDES ON SOLUTION A--TERMINATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT US INITIATIVE--WE BELIEVE THIS DECISION SHOULD BE EXECUTED INDIRECTLY AND WITH SUFFICIENT FINESSE TO AVOID BOGGING DOWN IN INTERMINABLE HAGGLING AND HARASSMENT OVER ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS. WE RECOMMEND THAT, IF USG SHOULD DECIDE TO TERMINATE RELATIONS, WE SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATE SUCH A DECISION TO LPDR. WE SHOULD, RATHER, INFORM THEM WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THEIR REQUEST THAT WE ARE REDUCING PERSONNEL AND COMMENCE DOING SO, CONTINUING THE REDUCTION BELOW THE LPDR CEILING. WHEN WE HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE OUR RESIDUAL PERSONNEL AND OUR REMAINING ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS ARE MANAGEABLE, WE SHOULD THEN COMMUNICATE OUR DECISION TO THE LPDR. CORCORAN UNQUOTE HABIB

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